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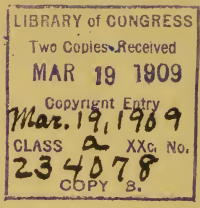

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Affectionately dedicated to my sweet daughter, Helena, known to the select many as the "Little Spalpeen."

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No matter how bright the day is, you can always find a cloud somewhere.

Every man should have a home of his own where he can at least quarrel in peace.

Because a man is afraid of his wife is no sign she's a fright.

Whenever you hear a man boast that he controls destinies, you can be pretty sure that he is about as important as the little dog who barks the trains out of town.

Love laughs at knock-smiths.

Woman's intuition is so keen that she can guess everything except the truth and discover everything except facts.

Husband: A funny creature who lives a sad life.

What do we care if beauty is only skin deep? We don't want to swim in it.

Bills come quickly, but money always lingers.

Man is perfectly logical, reasonable and consistent. Therefore it is the duty of every woman to treat him with gentleness and forbearance.

You cannot paint the lily and the rose. But Lily and Rosie can.

When a woman says: "There is something you ought to hear" you may be very sure that it is something that she ought not to tell.

We have observed that it is the woman who hasn't a figure who likes best to display it.

Marriage is a simple contract that sometimes results in a compound fracture.

Even though her hair be false a woman is naturally attached to it.

Considering the sorrows of the millionaire, one must believe that fortune smiles on him only to give him the laugh.

With romantic young ladies the villain is always the hero.

Mustn't blame a woman for being two-faced; she has the one that nature gave her and the one that the beauty doctor sold her.

That old adage about beauty being skin deep is pretty thin.

It is only her first love affair that a woman cherishes. Man is so lacking in originality that all the others are merely duplicates.

PEACH I

"You ought to know her," said Miss Smarty. "She has been abroad and she speaks English."

What we want to know is this: If an Englishman hits his funny bone how long will it take him to laugh?

You can drive a man to a tea fight, but you can't make him drink.

Some people never feel right unless there's something the matter with them.

Good manners are not found in books of etiquette; they are written on the heart.

Love is a lump in your throat; and the sight of somebody makes it feel better.

What's the use of cultivating soul beauty when a blonde lady in a soubrette hat can cast you in the shade?

The nearer you get to other folks' troubles, the smaller your own appear.

Why shouldn't a woman take money from her husband's pocket? She is merely working a bad example.

We have noticed that most people never talk poverty until they get money.

We all love that for which we work hardest and prize it most when we don't get it.

Life isn't perfect unless one has a few privations to enjoy.

It's not unusual to find individuals with so much wisdom in their heads that there's no space left for common sense.

Before marriage love-making is a recreation. After marriage it is an occupation. Oh, tears! Oh, grouches and despair!

Ignorance is stupidity reduced to a science.

There is this difference between gravity and wisdom: You laugh at the first and you laugh with the other.

Beauty in curl papers isn't even skin deep; it is invisible.

Considering the tone of the modern novel one dare not say that one's life is an open book.

Love is a butterfly whose golden wings bring summer into cheerless days.

Beautifying is a harmless habit. The dear girls are only preserving peaches.

We have observed that lazy folk who never go to bed are seldom willing to get up.

Anyhow Xantippe never had a chance to give her side of the story.

"I am so tired I could sleep standing up," said the Lady Genius, "only I am too tired to stand up."

Woman's jealousy flatters a man for a minute and bores him for an age.

The most tiresome man in the world is the one who has read everything and remembered it all.

Love is a sentiment; to preserve it is an art.

It's a pretty mean man who will confess to his faults just for the purpose of depriving his wife of a pleasant argument.

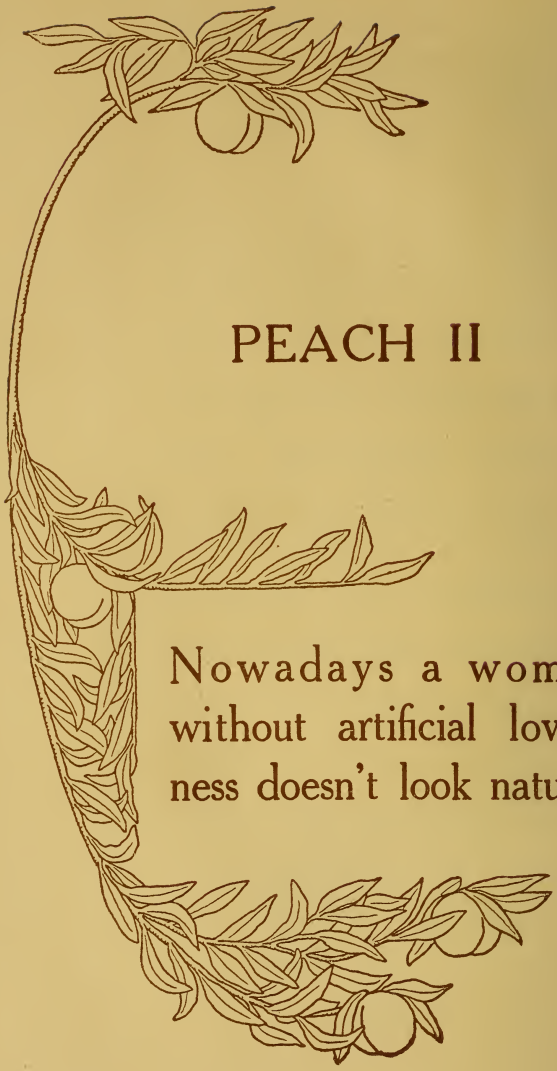
There is no disgrace in work, except when it is not well done.

A woman doesn't have to be thin to go through her husband's pockets. She doesn't even have to be small.

Beauty is about the only commodity that is lessened in value by advertising.

Listen to the chatter of girls and you will decide that while talk is cheap, adjectives are given away.

Vivacity is given to woman so that she can more uncomfortably endure the gravity of men. Even a feast of reason should not be without sweets.



PEACH II

Nowadays a woman without artificial loveliness doesn't look natural.

Since you never can get even, it's best to call it square.

Some people have such high expectations that even their disappointments never come up to them.

Unhappiness is in not knowing what we want and killing ourselves to get it.

Rest would be delightful were it not for the fact that it makes one so tired.

There is this difference between the girl and the woman: the first knows nothing and tells everything, while the other knows everything and tells nothing.

One does not have to be a business woman to make eyes.

Father may be the ruler of the family, but mother is the teacher.

Fortune shows us the way, but she doesn't furnish transportation.

To the woman who dismantles a fashionable coiffure every night the fall of the Roman empire doesn't seem so much.

A gossip is a talented lady who discovers facts that aren't so.

Aimlessness is not content to go nowhere; it must waste its time coming back.

Marry in haste and repent at Sioux Falls.

Better a little love expressed with gentle words and kindly acts than a great love that sulks in selfishness and silence.

The only political views most women have are photographs of candidates.

No, Genevieve, the girl with the seventeen-inch waist does not necessarily feel small.

Concealing beauty is the cleverest way of revealing it.

Woman's crowning glory is her hair. With so many falsified locks in vogue, there are many pretenders to the crown.

Chatter is noisy silence.

No woman ever considers her own remarks really clever until they reach such a degree of brilliancy that she herself does not understand them.

Laziness is merely a still-life demonstration that the easiest way to work is to loaf.

None is in such need of advice as the sweet, dear, kind, simple soul who gives it unasked.

There isn't much to some people except their weight.

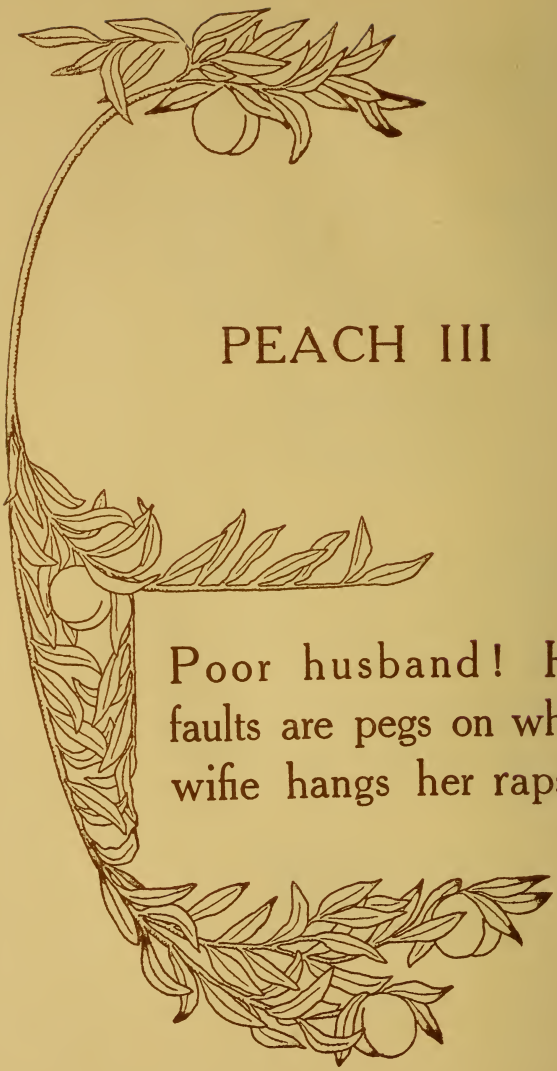
Hens should not crow, not because they are hens, but because crowing is a silly, masculine habit.

Your close friend is not necessarily a stingy one.

"She is a very dear friend of mine," said a woman, "she is so dear that she borrowed $20 of me."

Women talk of their blessings, but they brag of their griefs.

Man is interesting when he gives his views of womankind, but to be truly eloquent, he must talk of himself.



PEACH III

Poor husband! His faults are pegs on which wifie hangs her raps.

No well-trained husband will ever be railroaded to oblivion or side-tracked into a divorce court.

Literary Note: Mr. Henpeck is going to write a book called, "How I Feel after Five Years of Moulting."

The most beautiful of all arts is the art of being beautiful.

It isn't necessary for women to be eloquent. With a gesture or a glance she can tell the life story of her dearest friend.

Why worry about freckles? Even the sun has spots on it.

To the quarrelsome woman the bone of contention is more delicious than paté-de-foie-gras and a stuffed olive.

Speeches that relieve one mind usually burden another.

Humanity is made up of shirkers and workers. But how pleasant it is to realize that the shirkers are fat and the workers are lean!

Song of house-cleaning time: "What are the wild wives saying?"

It is the hallucination of the fretter that the world begins at her head and ends at her heels.

We wonder why girls are so fussy about their shoes; they're such small matters.

We do not object to selfishness. What disturbs us is its low-down method of operation.

Watch for good luck and you will miss it; fortune is the reward of industry.

It's easy for a woman to forgive a man, but it is not easy for her to forget to tell him that she forgave him.

It's the hair dye you use today that makes you bald tomorrow. Awful thought!

It's strange that women ever argue when silence and a look do the business so much better.

Never ask a woman her age. You will only encourage her to tell lies.

The difference between you and other people is that their money looks bigger and their troubles smaller.

A becoming hat gives a woman a tremendous interest in outdoor life.

Conceit is the result of small aims and simplicity the outgrowth of great ones.

Why fish for deep thoughts in shallow brains? Whales don't swim in puddles.

Ugliness is as often caused by the misuse of good qualities as by the lack of them.

Lazy people have no right to complain, and busy ones haven't the time.

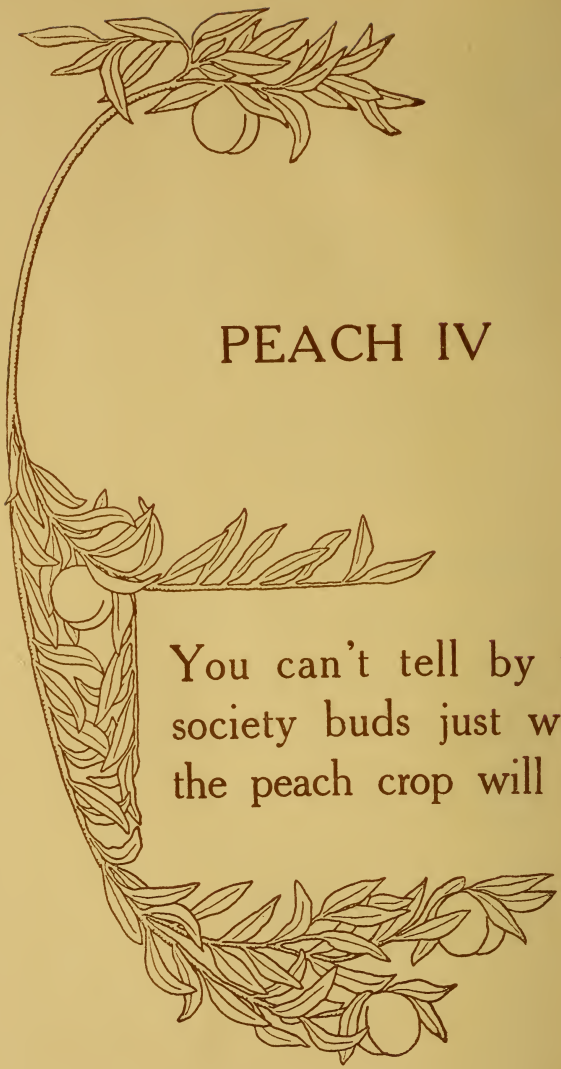
"Don't be stingy," says the Beauty Doctor. "Give your face a thought."

When a girl has pretty feet her short gown is her long suit.

There is happiness in life as there is gold in the earth. Because you have not found it is no proof that it isn't there.

It is well perhaps to love wisely; but it is more fun to love foolishly.

If you hear that a woman is a genius, the news does not surprise you. But if somebody says she can cook, you fall dead.



PEACH IV

You can't tell by the society buds just what the peach crop will be.

Patience is a beautiful virtue and anyone who has not an automobile may possess it.

There are women who gad so much they never feel at home except when they are calling.

Woman's smile is like a maxim; it often has a dozen meanings.

No cannon's roar or trumpet's blast can reach as far as the soft, still little whisper of the gossip's tongue.

There's only one ghost. He appears on the first of the month and his name is Bill.

Optimism is the habit of telling yourself jolly falsehoods that may eventually come true.

Motto of some business men: "If at first you don't succeed, fail, fail again."

Let us ask not that others practice what they preach. Let us ask instead that they merely stop preaching.

When a man learns to poetize on the emotions of his heart instead of prosing on the needs of his digestion the unloved husband will be a novelty.

When a woman marries, her one thought is to make her husband happy. When a man marries, it is to make himself happy. After a time—but this isn't an essay.

The neighbor who gazes into your window usually looks well.

There are two types of women made from the same mold: The coquette and the lady who puts kerosene on the kindlings.

The girl who draws in her lines is not always an artist.

When a man hears his wife say something extremely clever he is quite certain that he must have said it first.

If some people did not know quite so much, they would know more.

Woman has two weapons, argument and indifference; the first always loses and the other always wins.

How disappointed a blush must be when it finds that a stick of rouge got there first.

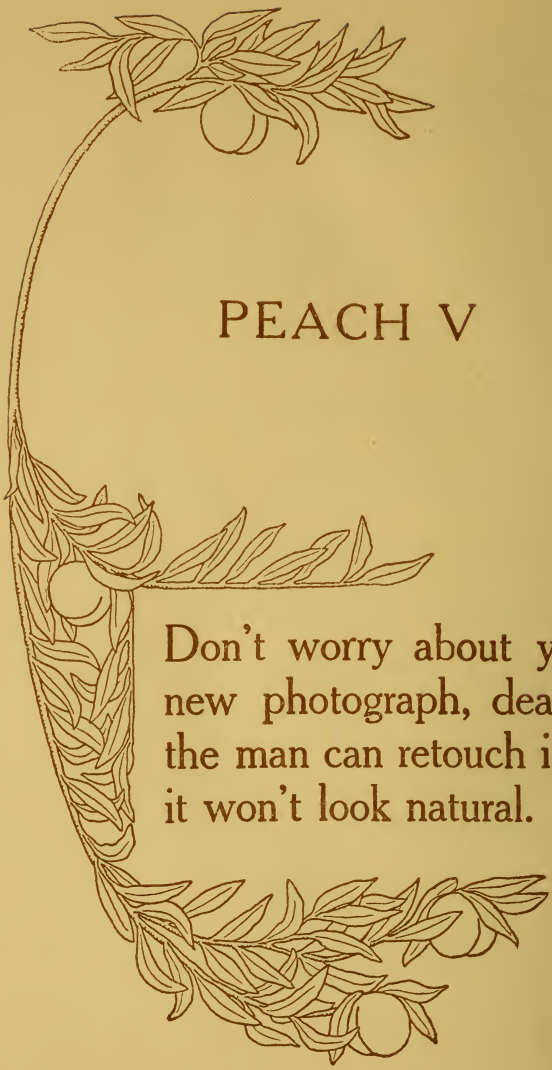
If you can't get money from the rich, you can always sell things to the poor who have plenty.

No woman wears any false hair to speak of.

You would think that man would be the last creature on earth in which woman would be interested. So he is—first, last and for all time.

Penny wise and pound foolish: the fat lady who buys bonbons.

You can tell when a woman is thoroughly, perfectly happy: she always looks so thoroughly, perfectly miserable.



PEACH V

Don't worry about your new photograph, dearie; the man can retouch it so it won't look natural.

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Big scandals from little gossips grow.

Whenever you see something inexpressibly ugly on the counter of a shop, you can make a safe wager that some man will come along and buy it.

Some women of thirty don't have to appear old to look like sixty.

No matter how many mean things you do, you will always find somebody ready to complain about them.

Flattery is like soda fizz, sweet to swallow, but very bad for the system.

Let us rejoice that most of us would rather read the dream book than the dictionary.

No woman is so silly that she doesn't like to be foolish.

Two classes of individuals people the earth: those who make the best of everything and those who take it.

Genius needs to be advertised to be recognized, but beauty is its own press agent.

If Fortune ever smiles upon a grouchy, grumbling husband, it is because she thinks he is funny.

Flatterers are our enemies and it is only right and proper that we should love them.

The only way that a woman can make her family understand that she is tired is to lie down and die.

Have kindness for your friend's faults; she can always find consideration for her virtues.

There are three things a woman can make out of nothing—a hat, a salad and an argument.

Fashions and flirtations grow ridiculous with age.

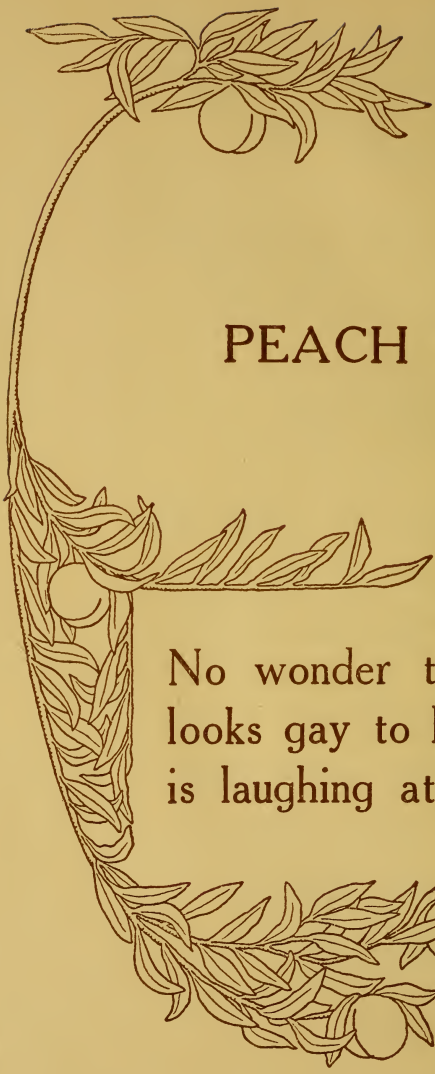
Charity begins at home. Don't send flannels to the heathen. Give liver pills to the grouch next door.

Life is a crust of bread that love transforms into a banquet.

Do not value things by their usefulness. The flowers and the dew-drops may not be necessary, but God thought them worth while.

Half a loaf is better than no rest at all.

"It's a dreadful thing to be in love," declares Mr. Despairing Swain, "I have a heartache that would fill three hospitals and then some."



PEACH VI

No wonder the world looks gay to lovers; it is laughing at them.

Too much strong talk weakens the best of arguments.

"Courtship," says Mrs. Matrimonial Failure, "is a barque that sails from the court of Cupid and lands at the court of divorce."

Big sisters with tattling brothers say that little pitchers have big mouths.

How absurd to say that love is blind when his enchanted eyes see beauty and charms that never existed.

Egotism is vanity that has read a book.

In life's calendar there are four seasons—the inspiration of a spring, the joys of a summer, the regret of an autumn and the toil of a winter.

A woman with a bull pup says that her family motto is: "My dog can fite your dog."

Why distress one's mind with trifles when there are so many important griefs to enjoy?

Some people don't know much and even that they can't keep to themselves.

"It wouldn't be so bad to have to go to bed," said a little child, "if it just didn't get late so early."

She who fights and runs away will live to shop another day.

Everything depends upon the point of view, but we have noticed that some people's point of view is not very sharp.

When it comes to drawing on a bank account every woman is an artist.

Certain popular books lead us to the belief that the unspeakable is not necessarily the unreadable.

They say that Adam couldn't bear rib roasts.

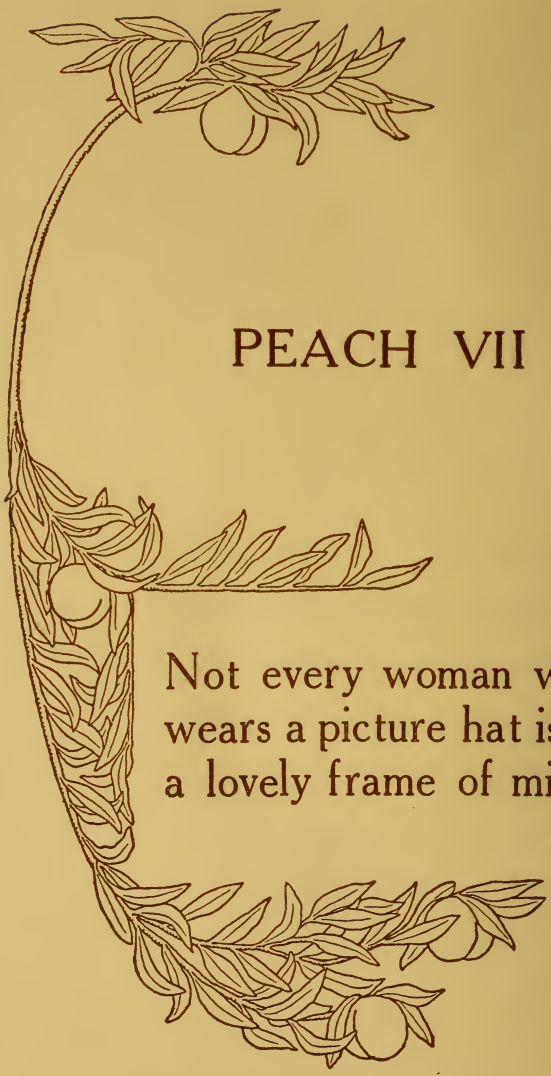
No, Agnes, a well developed mind is not always the cause of an enlarged pompadour.

For every beautiful illusion that is lost, a beautiful reality may be found.

To practice economy it is only necessary to spend a little bit more than your income.

Love is blind; he burnt out his eyes making matches.

Considering the dreadful things that children eat, is it not surprising that any of them live to be human beings?



PEACH VII

Not every woman who wears a picture hat is in a lovely frame of mind.

Mrs. Bargain Hunter is strong on prices and weak on values.

"I am perfectly independent," said the Little Spalpeen to her mother. "I have plenty of money of your own."

"I'm no artist," said Mrs. Matrimonial Failure, "but I drew a cartoon all right."

Do not forget that even the good old times were not so good until they got old.

No woman wants to wear a halo. It's all she can do to manage her false hair.

Some people never realize they have been married until they are divorced.

Friends make us miserable, but our enemies give us much joy.

Father Time has the largest family on record. By the way, where's Mother Time?

It's a good thing that women don't know how smart they are. When they do know the world will not only turn around each day, but it will take off its hat and bow.

Money talks, and everybody is willing to listen.

"I am always so busy doing nothing," remarked the Little Spalpeen, "that I never have time to do anything else."

Trust not the wealth of hair. Often it is counterfeit.

When a woman loves a man she will never treat him as if he were a stranger—she always treats him much worse than that.

I don't like radishes. One bit me once.

Many a business man is so full of schemes that he can easily lose more money than he knows what to do with.

When "she" is out of sight, "he" is out of mind.

When the girl next door practices ragtime, we always wonder how the piano can stand the strain.

Mathematicians will tell you that figures don't lie—but ask the dressmaker.

Before marriage a woman is interested in the reflections in the mirror; after marriage she is engrossed with the reflections in the mind.

If you have a difficult task to do, don't say "Shall I be Able?" Cain killed Abel.

Fashions are so peculiar that it's a real treat for a woman to be unlovely and comfortable.

It is a misfortune for a woman to want a confidant, and a calamity if she finds one.

Woman's most wonderful art is that of persuading herself that she always tells the absolute truth.

A department store is a place where prices are butchered to make a woman's holiday.

A woman always reads the last chapter of a man's life first, and most of them never get to the beginning.

"Father, may I have a new gown for Easter?" "You may, but I doubt it."

Why should women be frightened by mice when most of them consider rats a necessity?

Beware of the maid who says she knows French. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing when applied to bills of fare.

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